

REMARKS

I. Amendments

Claim 8 is amended to include the temperature range of Claim 12, and Claim 12 is cancelled. Claim 8 is amended to specify that the temperature is attained by heat supplied from a reboiler. Support for this amendment can be found in the specification at, for example, page 5, lines 29-33.

II. Telephonic Interview

The undersigned thanks Examiner Wu and SPE Smith for the telephonic interview of June 22, 2010. During the interview, we discussed the claims of the invention in view of Iljima et al. (JP 10-067994) (English equivalent AU 199728540 B2).

II. Rejection under 35 U.S.C §102/§103

Claims 5-9, 11, and 13-16 were rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Iljima et al. (JP 10-067994) (English equivalent AU 199728540 B2) ("Iljima"). Claim 12 was rejected under 35 U.S.C §103 as unpatentable over Iljima. Applicant traverses all rejections.

Applicant believes that all rejections have been overcome and that there is no basis for rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102 or §103.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested. Applicant respectfully requests allowance of all claims.

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